

HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS



HOSPITALS

THERE is probably no city of the South which has erected so many hospitals within the past few years as Norfolk, Va., and in no place has more earnest efforts been made to elevate the standard of nursing.

St. Vincent de Paul has been rebuilt and newly equipped, making a thoroughly up-to-date institution.

After years of strenuous work the board of the Protestant Hospital has erected a building of which it has just reason to feel proud. The institution is first-class in every respect, the equipments of the finest, and the operating-rooms will be complete in every detail. Many of the rooms have been furnished by individuals and are very artistic and dainty. Miss Shackelford, a graduate of the school, and who has faithfully worked in the old building for the past six years, is superintendent. Miss Smith, a Canadian, and a graduate of St. Luke's, New York, a woman of charming personality and very capable, has charge of the Training-School. The present outlook for this hospital is very bright.

The Sarah Leigh Hospital, owned by Dr. Southgate Leigh and named in honor of his aunt, is one of the most complete of its kind in the South. It is a stately colonial building of imposing appearance, and will easily accommodate twenty-eight patients. It is thoroughly modern and up to date in every respect, the furnishings being of the handsomest. Miss Newton, a graduate of the General Memorial, New York, is superintendent, and her assistant is Miss Westfal, of the same school.

The most homelike, and yet a hospital thorough in every up-to-date particular, is St. Christopher's, operated by Drs. Gwathmey and Ruffin. It will accommodate about ten patients, who find all the cosy comforts of home with the modern conveniences of hospitals. Miss McKinley, a graduate of St. Vincent's, is the very efficient superintendent, and she has a small training-school of four nurses.

THE commencement exercises of the Class of 1903 of the University Hospital, Baltimore, Md., were held in the Assembly Hall of the hospital on May 4, at four P.M. The following graduates received their diplomas from Dr. S. A. Ashby, in the absence of the dean: Maryland—Sara Reeves Blandford, Albina Cooke, Elizabeth Wainwright Craft, Louise Irene Craig, Mary Elizabeth Elgin, Ella Teresa Gallagher, Annie Estelle King, Margaret Kable Massey; Pennsylvania—Isabel Fulton; Virginia—Margaret Carter Byrd; New York—Mary Caroline Miller; South Carolina—Mary Agnes Northrop; Canada—Annie Hutchinson Reeve. The class, carrying showy bunches of lilies-of-the-valley, and in their white uniforms and Nightingale cap, presented to the public their idea of the ideal nurse. An address was delivered by Rev. J. O. S. Huntington, who spoke of the importance of high character and bravery, and said that next to the physician and minister the nurse has the greatest influence in many homes. The invocation and benediction were pronounced by Rev. F. A. Reeve, brother of Miss A. H. Reeve, of the graduating class. During the evening a reception was held in the parlors

of the hospital, which were tastefully decorated with plants, American Beauty roses, and the university colors, maroon and black. The receiving party were Mrs. Taylor, superintendent of nurses, and the graduates of 1903.

THE graduating exercises of the Class of 1903 of Sherman Hospital, Elgin, Ill., were held at the Congregational Church on Monday, April 27. A class of four received their diplomas, which were presented by Mrs. George Pratt, president of the Woman's Club. Mrs. Frederick E. Short, chairman of the Hospital Board, presided. Addresses were made by Dr. Sarah H. Stevenson, of Chicago; Dr. W. C. Bridge, and Rev. Chalmers, of this city. Flowers and presents were profuse. The reception for physicians and families, nurses and friends, was given by the Woman's Club at the home of Mrs. John Newman on Tuesday evening, April 28.

ARBOR DAY was noted at the Boston City Hospital Training-School for Nurses by the planting of trees on the Vose House grounds. One specimen tree each was planted by Miss Drown, the superintendent of the Training-School; Miss Riddle, matron of the South Department; Miss Bowen, matron of the Relief Station, and Miss Fairbank, matron of the Convalescent Home. One was planted jointly by the Class of 1902-3. This excellent custom might be happily followed by other training-schools having suitable grounds.

PLANS have been filed with the building department of New York for a new Nurses' Home of the Presbyterian Hospital, to be erected on the north side of Seventy-first Street, between Fifth and Madison Avenues. The new structure will be six stories in height and will cover a plot measuring ninety-four by one hundred and two feet. The estimated cost of the building is three hundred thousand dollars.

THE nurses at the Boston City Hospital are congratulating themselves on the fact that two thousand dollars have been presented to the hospital, the interest of which, eighty dollars annually, is to be expended upon books for the nurses' libraries. This is known as the "Martha Howard Thurston Carter Fund." Two hundred dollars, in addition, have been presented as a basis of a new "Carter Library."

THE Visiting Nurse Association of Winchester, Mass., has equipped a surgery for the treatment of accident cases and for slight surgical dressings as a first step towards a hospital.

TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES

MISS MARTHA LUCE has resigned her position as matron and superintendent of the Nashua Emergency Hospital, Nashua, N. H. Miss Luce is a graduate of the Boston City Hospital Training-School for Nurses, and has held her present position for the past two years.

MISS ANNIE DICK, Class of 1893 of the Toronto General Hospital, has accepted the position of superintendent of Rainbow Cottage, South Euclid, O., a home for convalescent children. The cottage opened May 1 and remains open during the summer months only.

MISS ALICE O. GORMAN has taken charge of the Training-School of the Bridgeport (Conn.) General Hospital. The hospital has one hundred and seven beds, including children's and maternity service, with an active general service.

MISS KATHERINE B. BLAKE tendered her resignation as superintendent of nurses of the Franklin Square Hospital, Baltimore, Md., to take a similar position in the Retreat in Richmond, Va., May 10, 1903.

MISS EVELYN H. HALL, formerly superintendent of nurses in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn N. Y., has taken a similar position in the Seattle General Hospital, Seattle, Wash.

MRS. M. E. G. ERLBECK, of the New York City Training-School, has been appointed superintendent of the Training-School of the Beth Israel Hospital, New York.

MISS M. E. SMITH, formerly in charge of the Philadelphia Hospital Training-School, has taken charge of the University Hospital in the same city.

MISS ELLINGSEN, a graduate of the Long Island College Hospital, has been appointed superintendent of the Bushwick Central Hospital.

PERSONAL

THE New York Post-Graduate Alumnae has, it would seem, little but its club-rooms left for the summer. Everyone seems to be making plans for an extended trip, Miss Margaret Willyoung's being that most interesting of all journeys, a bridal trip as Mrs. William H. Martin. Mrs. Martin has been a resident in the club four years, consequently is very much missed, but satisfaction is derived from the fact that she is to live in the city.

Miss Florence Colpas is visiting friends in England and writes of a pleasant ocean voyage and delight in her new surroundings.

Miss Bertha Moat is in Los Angeles, Cal., as, too, is Miss Frances Schaeffer.

Miss S. Henrietta Myers, of Savannah, Ga., has come north for the summer.

Miss Christina Craigmile sails for Scotland this month.

We are in receipt of cards of Mrs. Julius Jackson, born Quitterfield, and of Milton Quitterfield Jackson.

Many of the club members are planning to attend the Associated Alumnae convention in Boston on June 10; in fact, many feel it must be done in order to get fresh material for argument at dinner, if for no other reason.

A CORRECTION.—The first nurse to undertake visting nursing in Allegheny County, Pa., was Miss Nell Murray, whose first efforts were in the city of Allegheny, where she is still engaged, having been very successful in this work. By a mistake the name of one of her classmates was given as the first one in this line of work, and the writer desires to make this correction in justice to Miss Murray.

MISS ELIZABETH COCKE, graduate of the Class of 1900 of the Old Dominion Hospital Training-School, sailed March 14 for Gibraltar, and will visit Constantinople, Algiers, Egypt, and points of interest in Italy.

MISS SNIVELY, of the Toronto General Hospital, has been in New York for a short visit, seeing hospitals.

